

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
August 8, 2013
5th Floor Conference Room
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Jan Davis, Gordon Smith, Chris Pelly

Staff Present: Marvin Feinblatt, Patti McFarland, Sandra Anderson, Jeff Staudinger, Martha McGlohon, Heather Dillashaw, Tara Irby

1. Minutes

The meeting minutes from June were approved.

2. Updates

- a. Housing Trust Fund: Jeff Staudinger provided an update on available funds. Currently, there is \$12,700 available to lend in unallocated funding.
- b. Federal partners from the Environmental Protection Agency and Transit Authority took a tour of the East of the Riverway area on August 1. Highlights of the tour were discussed.
- c. East of the Riverway: Deliverables were discussed for planning activities for the Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenway, as well as the Five Points intersection, RADTIP, Riverside Drive, and Transportation Network Plan. TIGER II planning should be complete by February 2014.
- d. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: The Committee will interview developers to obtain their opinions about how the city can encourage more affordable housing development.

3. New Business

- a. Emergency Solutions Grant – The City of Asheville is asking to reapply for ESG funds for the coming year. Recommended funding amounts are as follows, with additional allocations possible:

ABCCM	\$ 20,000
Helpmate	\$ 26,559
Homeward Bound	\$ 71,382
Salvation Army	\$ 23,441
TOTAL	\$ 141,382

- i. A motion was made by Gordon Smith to recommend to Council that the City apply for 2013-2014 Emergency Solutions Grant funds, as the financial intermediary, in the amounts recommended by the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee. .Seconded by Chris Pelly. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Heather Dillashaw provided an update on the Homeless Advisory Committee, including details about rapid re-housing funds, the HMIS community data system, and the Asheville Police Department's outreach worker. The merger between Smokey Mountain & Western Highlands is moving forward, with an anticipated completion date of October 1. Spillover from AHOPE onto Ann Street and beyond concerns the Committee. Heather indicated that demand for housing and services is up for families and single

younger adults. The increased demand - coupled with the loss of mental health programs and funding- has put great strain on providers and public safety staff.

- c. Outside Agency Grant program – Applications have been approved for the 2013-2014 OAG program. The approved funding amounts are as follows:

Agency	Purpose	Amount
Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council	Provide services to improve relations between City residents and law enforcement; and act as a local resource for Asheville residents who feel that they have been discriminated against in housing, employment, law enforcement and schools.	35,000.00
Asheville Design Center	Assist Hall Fletcher School develop the first phase of the an Outdoor Learning Center.	4,000.00
Asheville Green Works	Act as a liaison between city, other governments and community agencies and citizens to improve the environment.	8,000.00
Child Abuse Prevention Services	Reduce/prevent child abuse, strengthen families, and assist children and families who have experienced abuse through prevention education, parenting education, and crisis intervention/counseling.	5,000.00
Children First	Support Learning Center programs at Pisgah View, Deaverview and Woodbridge communities.	20,000.00
Green Opportunities	GO Kitchen Ready program to prepare participants for jobs in Asheville restaurant and hospitality industry.	25,000.00
Homeward Bound -A HOPE	A HOPE Day Center outreach, intake and support for homeless persons, support for weekend operations.	25,900.00
United Way 2-1-1	Community service information line that connects people to community resources.	2,500.00
YWCA	The MotherLove program helps pregnant and parenting teens stay in school, access higher education and vocational training, develop the skills and knowledge to become strong parents and delay another teen pregnancy.	8,000.00
TOTAL		\$133,400

- i. A motion was made by Chris Pelly to ask City Council for a different way to support Pisgah Legal Service's OAG application request, which was not approved for funding. Seconded by Gordon Smith. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. The Committee discussed the future of the Outside Agency Grant.

The next meeting of the HCD Committee will be September 12, 2013 at 8:30am in the 5th floor Large Conference room of City Hall. The Committee will meet again on October 10, 2013. NOTE: This meeting was cancelled.